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**Government Financial Management Professionals Meeting Set to Advance
Government Accountability**

AGA Professional Membership Association Meeting, July 10 - 13 in Orlando, Florida

Alexandria, VA - International Federation of Accountants (IFAC) Chief Executive, Ian Ball, and U.S. Comptroller General David M. Walker, will headline the Association of Government Accountants' (AGAs') 54th Annual Professional Development Conference - July 10-13, 2005 at the Orlando World Center Marriott Resort & Convention Center, Orlando, FL.

"Accountability professionals who choose government service have an obligation to use taxpayers' money as efficiently and effectively as possible," says Ian Ball. "To do this properly requires the highest standards of professionalism and leadership, and the best way for the accountability professional to learn and demonstrate leadership is by taking an active role in his or her profession. That's what we'll be the central focus of our discussions."

The PDC will bring together more than 1,800 professionals from federal, state and local government, as well as private sector leaders, to discuss critical government financial management issues. The conference offers unparalleled opportunities to make valuable professional contacts, discuss challenges, discover creative solutions and access the latest tools you need to become more effective.

"In light of the nation's long-term fiscal imbalance and other emerging 21st century challenges, government financial managers need to examine what the government does, how it does it, who does it, and how it is financed in the future. The government is in a period of profound transition and faces an array of challenges and opportunities to enhance performance, ensure accountability, and position the nation for the future," stated, Walker. As a result, the PDC provides opportunities for government financial

managers to develop the skills needed to provide this sought-after government transparency.

International Federation of Accountants (IFAC) Chief Executive, Ian Ball, will speak on Monday, July 10, and is expected to discuss international developments in government accounting. IFAC is leading the development of this global profession by promoting high quality standards for the world's accountants. Attendees will also hear about "Transformational Change in a Dynamic Environment," with Comptroller General David Walker. Other dynamic speakers and sessions include:

- **"Financial Management Streamlining – The Time Has Come," Todd Russell Platts**, *Representative, United States House of Representatives, 19th District of Pennsylvania; Chairman, House Government Reform Subcommittee;*
- **"Aiming High and Knowing How to Get There," Dr. Mae Jemison**, *First African American Woman in Space, Medical Doctor, Astronaut;*
- **"The WorldCom Story – Navigating the Storm," Cynthia Cooper, CPA, CISA, CFE**, *President, Cynthia Cooper Consulting; WorldCom Whistleblower and Time Magazine 2002 Person of the Year;*
- **"A View from Washington," Ron Elving**, *Senior Washington Editor, NPR News;*
- **"Ways to Win – The Risks and Rewards of Meeting the Media," Kathleen Tanzy**, *Vice President Media Relations, Financial Dynamics, Formerly known as "Tex" on CNBC's Squawk Box; and*
- **"An Address by Gen. Jack Keane", USA Retired**

To learn more about the conference, or about AGA, visit www.agacgfm.org/pdc2005/index.aspx. For press credentials, contact Jennifer Curtin at jcurtin@agacgfm.org, or at 410.430.1785.

Government financial managers are expected to make accountability their top priority. This national conference is a must for anyone working on the front lines of government financial management and involved in overseeing the direction of their agencies. The conference theme, "Leadership – Preparing Tomorrow's Accountability Professionals," will focus on how government financial professionals can lead positive change in the field.

The Association of Government Accountants is an 16,000-member professional Association devoted to meeting the continuing professional education needs of financial managers at all levels of government, the private sector and academia. For more information about the Association, or the Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) Program, call 800.AGA.7211, or visit our website at www.agacgfm.org.

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